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1. SUMMARY. HUA'S TOAST AT AUGUST 16 STATE DINNER IS CARE-
FULLY WORDED SO AS NOT TO OVERLY EMBARRASS ROMANIAN HOST BUT
STILL CONTAINS SEVERAL SHARP ALBEIT AMBIGIOUS BARBS DIRECTED
AT SOVIETS. BOTH HUA AND CEAUSESCU PRAISE CURRENT STATE OF
ROMANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS AND SEE THEM ON AN ONWARD AND UP-
WARD COURSE. ATMOSPHERE OF FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WAS GIVEN
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HIGH PRAISE BY ROMANIAN MEDIA, IN MARKED CONTRAST TO "SINCERE
AND FRIENDLY" LABEL APPLIED TO AUGUST 7 CEAUSESCU-BREZHNEV MEETING
IN CRIMEA. END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU AND HUA TOASTS AT AUGUST 16 STATE DINNER
(ASSUME FBIS HAS TEXTS) ARE VERY CAREFULLY WORDED TO REDUCE
CONTROVERSIAL PHRASEOLOGY, PARTICULARLY THAT DIRECTED

AGAINST SOVIETS, TO AN AMBIGUOUS MINIMUM. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE NOT BLAND. ROMANIAN TEXTS WERE PRINTED IN SCINTEIA AUGUST 17, AND WE DETECT NO INDICATION OF ROMANIAN EDITING. (FOR PEKING AND HONG KONG: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IF YOU FIND ANY DIFFERENCES IN CHINESE VERSION).

3. HUA PROVIDED EXPLICIT ENDORSEMENT FOR ROMANIA'S FOREIGN POLICY STANCE BY NOTING ROMANIA'S LONG STRUGGLE AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION, ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW SOCIETY BASED ON "MARXIST-LENINIST PRINCIPLES AND THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTRY", AND ITS DEVOTION TO PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE AND OPPOSITION TO ANY FORM OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, "IN ASIA, AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND EUROPE, IMPERIALISM AND HEGEMONISM EXTEND THEIR HANDS EVERYWHERE, ENGAGING IN INFILTRATION, SUBVERSION, AGGRESSION, AND EXPANSION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

--TODAY, EUROPE HAS BECOME AGAIN AN IMPORTANT OBJECT DIS-PUTED BY SOME GREAT POWERS WHICH ARE TRYING TO DOMINATE THE GLOBE." WHILE CHINA FIRMLY OPPOSES WAR, IT DOES NOT FEAR IT SINCE THE DIALECTIC OF HISTORY SHOWS THAT "FORCES IN THE PAST WHICH DREAMED OF ESTABLISHING A WORLD EMPIRE HAVE BEEN CRUSHED INTO DUST BY THE IRON FIST OF THE PEOPLE; TODAY, THOSE WHO ARE DOMINATED BY VAIN THOUGHTS OF WORLD DOMINATION, EVEN THOUGH FOR A TIME THEY CAN ENGAGE IN THEIR FOOLISHNESS, ARE DOOMED
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TO THE SAME FATE. VICTORY BELONGS INEXORABLY TO PEOPLE WHO DARE TO FIGHT." BILATERALLY, HUA CONTINUED, ROMANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS ARE "VERY GOOD"; BOTH COUNTRIES SHARE A COMMON PAST OF STRUGGLING AGAINST AND SUFFERING UNDER FOREIGN AGGRESSION, AND BOTH SHARE COMMON GOALS OF DEFENDING THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND BUILDING SOCIALISM. CONSEQUENTLY, PRESENT VISIT WILL GIVE A "NEW STIMULUS" TO BILATERAL RELATIONS AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC FIELDS (MILITARY NOT MENTIONED).

4. CEAUSESCU TOAST, ALTHOUGH LONGER, WAS LIMITED TO RESTATEMENT OF USUAL ROMANIAN VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, GOR'S WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLES, AND NEED FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES. IN BRIEF REVIEW OF ROMANIAN POSITION ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS CSCE, DISARMAMENT, AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, CEAUSESCU DID NOT REPEAT THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA WHICH HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT THEME IN RECENT MONTHS, NOR DID HE BREAK

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NEW GROUND ON INTERPARTY RELATIONS. HE CONGRATULATED CHINESE FOR THE "GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OBTAINED IN ALL AREAS OF ACTIVITY--WHICH INCREASE THE PRESTIGE OF SOCIALISM IN THE WORLD" AND STATED THAT THE "NEW UNDERSTANDING" WHICH WILL BE ACHIEVED DURING HUA VISIT WILL CONSTITUTE "A WIDE FRAMEWORK FOR THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS."

5. FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WERE HELD PRIOR TO STATE DINNER WITH LARGE DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES PARTICIPATING. EVENT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY PROTOCOLARY AND FOR PICTURE-TAKING, AND WE UNDERSTAND SEVERAL ADDITIONAL
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TIME PERIODS ARE RESERVED FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN HUA'S CROWDED SCHEDULE. SCINTEIA DESCRIBED CONVERSATIONS

AS TAKING PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "CORDIALITY, FRIENDSHIP, AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, CHARACTERISTIC OF THE GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR PARTIES, COUNTRIES, AND PEOPLES." PRIVATE CEAUSESCU-HUA MEETING BEFOREHAND TOOK PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF "WARM CORDIALITY, RESPECT AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." THESE DESCRIPTIONS CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH SINCERE AND FRIENDLY LABEL APPLIED TO AUGUST 7 CEAUSESCU-BREZHNEV MEETING IN CRIMEA.

6. CORRECTING REFTTEL, HUA DID RPT DID DANCE THE "HORA OF FRIENDSHIP" DURING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES; BOTH TV AND NEWS-PAPERS CARRY PICTURES OF A RATHER BEMUSED HUA JOINING HANDS WITH DANCERS IN TRADITIONAL NATIVE COSTUMES.

7. AUGUST 17 SCHEDULE CALLS FOR A WREATH LAYING, TWO HOURS OF OFFICIAL TALKS, A VISIT WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH TO THE HUGE BUCHAREST HEAVY MACHINERY FACTORY, A RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION HERE, AND A GALA EVENING SHOW AT CAVERNOUS BUCHAREST SPORTS PALACE. AMBASSADOR IS INVITED TO BOTH RECEPTION AND GALA AND PLANS TO ATTEND.

8. COMMENT. WE NOTE THAT, WHILE NO ROMANIAN AND PRESUMABLY NO CHINESE WILL INTERPRET IT THAT WAY, HUA'S TOAST CAN ALSO BE READ AS A CONDEMNATION OF THE US, THEREBY MAKING IT DEFENSIBLE AGAINST ANY PROBING SOVIET QUESTIONS.
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